

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2337
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TELEVISION SETS TO SCHOOLS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of schools in Madhya Pradesh and U.P. have been provided with television sets with the Central assistance ;
- (b) if so, the total number of schools covered under the scheme and the amount earmarked for this scheme particularly for the State of Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) whether there have been complaints that in a large number of schools TV sets are not working due to faulty antennas provided by the dealer, particularly in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

- (a) : Yes, Sir. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has been sanctioned an amount of Rs.97,50,000/- for purchase of 1000 CTV's for 1000 schools during 1999-2000. The validity for utilization of the grant has subsequently been extended upto 31.12.2002. However, no financial assistance has been provided to Government of Uttar Pradesh in the recent past. An amount of Rs.5.31 crores was sanctioned to Government of Uttar Pradesh upto 1991-92 for purchase of CTVs. No further grant has been released to Government of Uttar Pradesh because the Government could not utilize the amount fully.
- (b) : The Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that under the Educational Technology scheme, it is proposed to cover 1010 schools during the current year. One Colour Television is to be provided for each school. An amount of Rs.77,02,300/- as Central Government share has been made in the State budget for making the purchase.
- (c) : Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that 2004 television sets were provided in 1989-90. In 1997-98, 365 television sets have been provided. Thus, television sets have been provided to 2369 schools, out of which 1043, television sets are in working condition.
- (d) : The Government of Madhya Pradesh has been requested to provide details of steps taken by them in the matter.